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To the DAILY GAZETTEER.



SIR,
MONG the many Fictions which the Politicians and News Writers oblige this sober Town with, I send you a real Truth, which has so much the Air of Fiction, that I shall have need of all the good Opinions you and others may have of my Veracity to gain Belief, when I assure you, what follows is literally true, and I can very easily bring Proof of it.

An Acquaintance of mine who came from Paris about a Fortnight ago, and has as little of the Whig in him as any Man I keep Company with, favouring me the other Day with a Visit, told me of his own Accord, what the French said of the Conduct of Great Britain, with Respect to the late War.

It had been better for us, said the French, in the Paris Coffee-Houses, if the King of Great Britain had been in open War with us; for while he observed the Peace, we durst not take the necessary Steps for prosecuting our Designs; we durst not send a Fleet to the North, strong enough to relieve Dantzick, for fear of alarming the British Nation, and provoking them to send a Stronger after us, which would infallibly have engaged them in the War, and put them to an Expence, which our Caution saved them. We durst not equip a Squadron to join the Spanish Armada, for fear of drawing the British Fleet into the Straights, and by this Means Sir John Norris found nothing to oppose him in this Expedition, to support the Portuguese against the Spaniards, who were thereby oblig'd to keep up an Army on the Frontiers of Portugal, at a great Expence as in Time of War; and if Britain had been actually engag'd in the War, we should have oblig'd them to have been at an equal Charge, and have had no Restraint upon us in executing our Projects; but the wise Measures of the Court of Great Britain, disconcerted all ours, and made us more afraid of their Motions than we should have been, had they declared against us, and we had been prepared to oppose them. I do not pretend to be an Admirer of French Politicks in all the Effects of them; but I think there is more Reason in this Talk of theirs, than in the Impudent Differtations of the Patriots.

As to their Tools, Fog and D'Anvers, they are now the Contempt of common Sense, when they are fit alone to themselves, which has been their Misfortune pretty much of late; and the Poverty and Meanness of their Stile and Sentiments, betray every where the Hiring and the Idiot. Nothing in the World is so despicable and nauseous as an awkward, trifling Imitation of Humour and Wit. The Tatler, the Guardian, and Spectator, were carry'd by Men of Genius, Learning and Experience, and whatever they said, was natural and becoming. With any of these Qualities, D'Anvers assur'd not long to the grave Figure of Nestor Ironside; he could put a Broad-brimmed Hat, and a Broad-laced Cravat and Ruffles, if he could get them; he could stick a pipe in his Mouth, and whiff away some notable Sennet to a callow Coxcomb, bearing the Character of his Nephew. This he could do; but he could not argue like a Man of Sense, nor rally like a Man of Wit: And then to what Side soever he turn'd him, his air, like an Ape, would still be the most conspicuous part of him.

Fog, when he is not preaching Treason, Popery, and Murder, and endeavours to be humorous and diverting, is such a miserable Creature as D'Anvers, and is ambitious to mimick the low and pitiful Mimickry of old the Craftsman. A grave Fellow, who is really dull, can pass himself off for Somebody with other dull, grave Fellows; and there are enough in all Assemblies and Companies to keep one another in Countenance: a dull Fellow who pretends to be pleasant, makes a more ridiculous Figure than a natural Ass would do at Opera. Such a Figure did Fog make in a late Journal with his String of Idiotisms, his old Women, his

Grannies, his Goodies, his Mamma's. Poor, ignorant Wretch! not to know that an Allegory must be supported in all the Parts of it, from the Beginning to the End; for, when it is out of Character, it is the vilest Non-sense, and the most shocking Extravagance, that Dreams or Drunkenness can produce.

Fog feigns himself at the Coffee-house, taking up a Letter, and assumes the Learning and Language of a School-Boy Master Tommy; but forgetting immediately that his Tommy was a Stripling just got into his Teens, he put into his Mouth as strong Reasoning as ever we have had from the chief Patriots.

Tommy says, 'If, under an absolute Government, founded upon the Principles of passive Obedience and Non-Resistance, the People may retain their Religion and Morality; and if, under an absolute Government, founded upon Corruption, they can retain neither, must not every body see that the first is preferable to the last? For every one must grant, that, under both, the People must be Slaves; the only Difference is, that, under the last, they must be errant Knaves as well as Slaves.' Is not this pretty Stuff to be said by a Boy at School, studying Nouns and Pronouns, and scanning Verses upon his Fingers? A Boy, I own, may, and does often speak more Truth and common Sense than is in this and the other Paragraphs of Fog's said Libel; but a Boy cannot be supposed to be Master of such elaborate Non-sense. The Libeller goes on in the same lofty, unintelligible Strain thro' his whole Paper, which is too trivial and surfeiting to be repeated.

Tommy justifies Fog in his bold, unguarded Expressions. 'T'would be better for us, says he, to have an absolute Monarchy, founded upon the Principles of passive Obedience and Non-Resistance; (he will own he means the Pretender) and supported by superstitious Priests, ridiculous as they are, (he will own he means High Church) than an absolute Monarchy, founded upon Corruption, and supported by mercenary Parliaments. (he will not deny that he means the freest Government upon Earth, the present British Constitution, the present Government, and the present Parliament) And does not Tommy richly deserve to be bors'd for publishing this Sedition, and Fog to be tied to the Cart's Tail for furnishing him with it?

Now, supposing his Corruption and his mercenary Parliament were notorious Lies; had not Tom so much Sense as to know, that only to run the Risque of a Thing, as the Case of Slavery in a corrupt Parliament, ever was, and ever will be preferable to the Certainty of it, as is the Case of the Pretender, and superstitious Priests? Under such there is no Chance of escaping the most cruel Bondage; under a Parliament, be the Members what they will, there is a Chance of escaping the Slavery and Ruin a tyrannical Prince might threaten them with.

THE long Parliament in the Reign of the Second Charles, was, at first, as corrupt as ever any was supposed to be; so corrupt, that it went commonly by the Name of the Pension Parliament. The Pensioners, and their stated Sums yearly, were known to all the World, and thus did that Parliament continue sixteen or seventeen Years. They passed all the stringing Acts which the passive obedient, non-resisting and superstitious Priests loaded them with; they gave Supplies for a War with our Protestant Neighbours the Dutch; and whatever the Court put upon them, they did, till a few glorious Patriots, Russel, Cavendish, Powle, Jones, &c, by continual Representations, Exhortations, and Admonitions, enlightened their Understandings, opened their blind Eyes, and let them see the Precipice the Court and the Tories were driving them to, that they might tumble them headlong into the dreadful Gulph of spiritual and temporal Bondage. After which this mercenary, corrupt Parliament grew more and more in Love with Patriotism, and when they were dissolved for it, were as much respected and beloved by the Nation in general, as ever any Representatives had been; which proves, that 'tis possible for a mercenary Parliament to become publick-spirited; but it is impossible for a Tyrant and superstitious Priests, joined in a Combination together, ever to be honest, ever to be just and merciful.

Yours

ET CETERA.

Extract of a Letter from Paris.

SIR,

YOU have more than once heard of that horrid Murder lately committed, as one may say, at the Feet of the Altar of our Metropolis, in the Person of the Grand Penitentiary, by a young Man, or rather a Devil incarnate, who was studying how to vent his infernal Rage upon several other Persons in Office, against whom he had no other Complaint than their having endeavoured, by all Manner of Means, to recover him from his Frenzy. The Grand Penitentiary died of his Wounds, and the Murderer being seized by the Hands of Justice, has suffered the Punishment due to his black and heinous Crime.

'One shall seldom hear of a Villain of that Stamp, behaving with so much Confidence in the several Interrogatories that were put to him. He declared, "That he was not ignorant of the Tortures he was to undergo; that he was not afraid to face them; that his only Concern was that he had not been able to execute every thing he had premeditated before he was apprehended, and that then he should have died with Satisfaction."

'All the other Answers he gave were much of the same Strain, to the great Surprise of the Judges, who knew not, at first, what to make of him; but, after much sifting and pumping him, they perceived at last, that he belonged to the Sect of Convulsionaries; and from that Time it plainly appeared, that his affected Conflancy and Magnanimity was only the Effect of that violent Fanaticism which rages in that vile Cabal.

'This Species of Fanaticism had like to have been attended with other fatal Consequences, if the Government had not done what it could to prevent them. The Circumstance indeed that brought their Convulsions into Vogue, was the Tomb of Saint Paris; but the Religion they profess is of a Date much more ancient: For long before there was any Talk of St. Paris, there were both in this City and Country, a Company of enthusiastic Jansenists, who observed all the ridiculous Ceremonies of the modern Convulsionaries, only the latter have added a stronger Dose of extraordinary Contortions, and violent Motions of the Body. Both the one and the other, even to this Day, have private Meetings, where they use the same extravagant Ceremonies; and both Sexes are dressed in Surplices, and other Sacerdotal, or rather Episcopal Ornaments. There also, besides a vast deal of Trumpery and Mummary, they have the Ceremony of the extinguished Lamp; and if they don't make the Love Feast of Cannibals, they at least indulge themselves in Drunkenness and Lewdness: Witness the Augustin Fryar Gause, and his Accomplices, of whom several made their Escape as well as he, after they had plundered and stole what they could; and some were overtaken by the Hand of Justice.'

P. S. 'Just now I hear of the Death of the Duke de Maine, one of the Princes of the Blood.'

Glasgow, May 5. This Day on the News of the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with her Highness the Princess of Saxe Gotha, the rejoicings began here in the Morning; and in the Afternoon, the Magistrates having invited a numerous Company of Persons of Distinction and principal Inhabitants, to the Town-House, drank the Healths of the King, Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, with many other loyal Healths, under the Discharges of the Fire Arms of General Whitam's Regiment, and the Night was concluded with ringing of Bells and other Demonstrations of Joy.

Kinghorn, May 5. Yesterday, on Receipt of the News that the Prince of Wales was married to the Princess Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, the Magistrates and Town Council, with several of the Inhabitants of this Burgh, went to the Cross, and, before a great Bonfire, drank a Health to the King, Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, with suitable Rejoicings. They afterwards repaired to a Tavern, and repeated the above, and many other Loyal Healths, the Night concluding with Mirth and ringing of Bells.



Edinburgh, May 6. The 23d ult. the Right Hon. the Countess of Cromertie was safely delivered of a Daughter, who is named Caroline, after her Majesty.

Tuesday Night died at his Seat in East Lothian, aged 42, the Hon. Sir James Suttie of Balgone, Bart. leaving Issue by his Lady Elizabeth Dalrymple, Daughter to the Right Hon. the Lord President of the Session, 5 Sons and 4 Daughters. He died of an Iliack Passion.

Captain Charles Campbell, first Cousin to his Grace the Duke of Argyle and Greenwich, was, on the 27th of April, unanimously chose Member of Parliament for Argyleshire, in the room of Sir James Campbell of Arkindlae, who has made his Election for Stirlingshire.

Last Tuesday Night died of an Apoplexy, Humphry Colquoun, one of the Mace-bearers to the Court of Justiciary; which Office is in the Gift of the Right Hon. the Earl of Isla Lord Justice General.

The same Day the Heritors and Freeholders of the Shire of Edinburgh, met in a Head Court, and assessed the Shire in 10s. Scots for each 100l. Scots of valued Rent, towards defraying the Charges of apprehending Criminals within the Shire, and prosecuting them for their several Offences; and they appointed their Clerk to defray the Expence of prosecuting before the Lords of Justiciary, John Bell and Beffie Bell, Husband and Wife, who kept an Inn near Falladam, for harbouring and retetting Thieves and Vagabonds, and concealing stolen Goods.

The same Day the Provincial Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale was opened here, when an excellent Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. John Hay, Minister of Peebles, Moderator to the last Synod. The Synod has made Choice of the Rev. Mr. Burnet of Lasswade for their Moderator.

The Synod of Fife have appointed a Day of Fasting and Humiliation thro' all their District, an account, as we hear, of the Burden the Church labours under by the Patronage Act not being removed, &c. as have also the Synods of Perth and Stirling.

Yesterday came down his Majesty's Commission to the most Hon. the Marquis of Lothian, appointing him his High Commissioner to the ensuing General Assembly of this Church, which is to meet the 13th Instant.

L O N D O N .

Last Night their Majesties were at the Theatre Royal in Covent Garden, to see the new Opera call'd *Atalanta*, in Honour of the Nuptials of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Right Hon. Thomas Winnington, Esq; one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, is appointed one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in the Room of the Right Hon. the Earl of Cholmondeley, who is appointed Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaster, in the room of the Duke of Rutland, who has Resign'd.

To-morrow will be held at Christ Church, a Visitation, before the Archdeacon of London and Middlesex, upon which Occasion the Rev. Dr. Bundy, Vicar of St. Brides, and Chaplain to his Majesty, will preach the Visitation Sermon.

Last Night the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole gave a grand Entertainment in Honour of the Royal Nuptials, at his House in St. James's Park, to the Count d'Ussel, Minister from the Court of Saxe-Gotha, and several other Foreign Ministers and Persons of Distinction.

This Day the Corpse of the Lady Darcy, Niece to the Right Hon. Sir Conyers Darcy, Knight of the Bath, is to be carried in great funeral Pomp, from her House in Sackville-street, to Holderness in the County of York, in order to be interred in the Burial Vault of her Family.

We hear that Mrs. Elizabeth Barker has brought an Action of 100 Damages against a certain Baronet in Leicestershire, for Confinement, and a maliciously Prosecution at the Old Bailey.

Yesterday the Prince of Wales was at the House of Lords for some time, to hear the Debates; upon which their Royal Highnesses Journey to Hampton Court was deferred to this Day.

And in the Evening their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Princess Caroline, were at the Theatre Royal in Drury-lane, to see the Tragedy of Cato.

This Day his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, with his Dutches and Children, are expected at his House at Whitehall, from Ireland.

Yesterday Bank Stock was 147 5-8ths. India 174 3-4ths. South Sea 98 to 1-8th. Old Annuity 111 1-4th. New ditto 111 1-4th. Three per Cent

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